

The Acting Attorney General

Director, FBI

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF
WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Wick
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February 24, 1967

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lenihan
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On February 23, 1967, Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives contacted Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan to advise that correspondents had inquired concerning the public availability of information the FBI developed in 1963 concerning David William Ferrie, whose death in New Orleans, Louisiana, was reported on February 22, 1967. The "Evening Star," Washington, D. C., February 23, 1967, contains an article reporting that about 40 pages of material believed to involve Ferrie, but also to deal with FBI techniques and mode of operation, are kept secret.

The pertinent information appears on pages 212 to 221, 225 to 228, 231 to 304, 307 to 311, 313 to 316, 319 to 323, and 341 to 343, all inclusive, of Document Number 75 of the Warren Commission's Numbered Document File. Copies of these 55 pages are enclosed.

The above pages were excluded from public disclosure as set out on page 11 of an enclosure to my letter to the Attorney General dated August 10, 1965. These pages were then excluded from public disclosure under guidelines approved by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President. The specific guideline applicable is identified as 3(C), which provided that public disclosure should be made unless disclosure "would be a source of embarrassment to innocent persons, who are the subject, source, or apparent source of the material in question, because it contains gossip and rumor or details of a personal nature having no significant connection with the assassination of the President."

As, in any event, the final decision as to the public disclosure of the material in question rests with the Department of Justice, it is requested that you advise us and the National Archives of your decision concerning making disclosure of the enclosed pages. This Bureau has no objection to public disclosure of these pages in view of the public interest.

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NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 2-24-67, prepared by LML:cls.

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